

TOWN OF MONSON
CERTIFICATIONS-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 13, 2019

***ARTICLE 1: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to hear reports of Town Officers and Committees.

***ARTICLE 2: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds established in Article 34 of the Monson General Bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Limit on Spending
1. Collectors' Report	Town Collector	\$9,000
2. Driveway Inspector	Board of Selectmen	\$2,500
3. Gas Inspector	Board of Selectmen	\$8,000
4. Plumbing Inspector	Board of Selectmen	\$14,000
5. Electrical Inspector	Board of Selectmen	\$37,000
6. Cross-Alter Inspector	Board of Selectmen	\$9,000
7. Forest Fire Equipment	Fire Chief	\$13,000
8. Recycling & Hazardous Waste Materials	Board of Health	\$16,000
9. Apartment Inspections	Board of Health	\$1,000
10. Title V Inspector	Board of Health	\$21,000
11. Summer Theatre	Parks & Recreation Commissioners	\$22,000
12. P & R Pool Program	Parks & Recreation Commissioners	\$90,000
13. School Transportation	School Committee	\$45,000
14. Transportation for outside activities and out of district students	School Committee	\$95,000
15. Community Garden	Board of Selectmen	\$3,000

***ARTICLE 3: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to accept any funds which have been offered to the Town's Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund since the last Annual Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE 4: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to enter into written agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a period not to exceed one year, pursuant to which said Town Treasurer and Town Collector agree to maintain on deposit in said institutions specified amounts of the funds of the Town in return for the provision by said institution(s) of banking services; such services that so qualify shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue, as well as by other provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, et seq.

***ARTICLE 5: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, after first giving notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure; provided, however, that the Selectmen or whomsoever they authorize to hold such sale may reject any bid which they or the person so authorized may deem inadequate.

***ARTICLE 6: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or borrow and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight dollars (\$464,738) to be used for construction projects authorized through the Chapter 90 Bond Issue, provided however that the town be reimbursed one hundred per cent (100%) of said sum upon project completion.

***ARTICLE 8: (consent agenda)**

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any and all grants from private entities, the Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purposes for which said grants are authorized.

ARTICLE 9:

The Town voted unanimously to fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officials as required by M.G.L. c.41 § 108 and any other enabling authority:

<i>Town Clerk</i>		<i>\$64,059.00</i>
<i>Board of Selectmen-Chair</i>		<i>\$1,902.00</i>
<i>Members</i>	<i>2@ \$1,758.00</i>	<i>\$3,516.00</i>
<i>Board of Assessors-Chair</i>		<i>\$1,656.00</i>
<i>Members</i>	<i>2@ \$1,602.00</i>	<i>\$3,204.00</i>
<i>Water/Sewer Commission-Chair</i>		<i>\$988.00</i>
<i>Members</i>	<i>2@ \$914.00</i>	<i>\$1,828.00</i>

ARTICLE 10:

The Highway Surveyor, John Morrell, asked for an amendment to Article 10 and read a statement. The amendment was for a new severance amount of \$ 33, 839.40.

The Moderator declared that a majority vote was needed and a secret ballot would be done. He stated that upon voters checking in they would need to use the blue colored yes/no paper for this secret ballot. The results are as follows:

YES: 97

NO: 64

The Moderator declared the vote passed to allow the amendment.

The Town then voted to approve the amendment to the Highway Surveyor severance in the amount of \$ 33, 839.40. Article 10 passed to read as follows:

<i>Highway Surveyor</i>	<i>Base Salary:</i>	<i>\$90,468.00</i>
	<i>*Severance:</i>	<i>\$33,839.40</i>
	<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$124,307.40</i>

* Severance to be encumbered and held until retirement of the Highway Surveyor. No date has yet been set.

ARTICLE 14:

The Town voted unanimously to pass over this article: bills of previous years.

ARTICLE 18:

Town Administrator Evan Brassard advised the Moderator an amendment to the article was needed due to a typographical error; to strike out “energy efficiency” and replace with “capital projects.”

The Town voted unanimously to accept the amendment of the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B establishing a Capital Stabilization Fund for the sole purpose of funding capital projects.

ARTICLE 19:

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court to enact legislation which would provide that in circumstances where a quorum of a public body is a simple majority of the members of that public body, the quorum shall be a simple majority of the members serving on that public body, rather than a simple majority of the number of members of that public body as constituted. In this context a public body is a multiple member board, commission, committee, or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branch of the Town of Monson, however created, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose, but shall not include a multiple member board, commission,

committee or subcommittee whose members are elected by the registered voters of the Town; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

ARTICLE 20:

The Town voted unanimously to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019.

ARTICLE 21:

The Town voted unanimously to dedicate 25% of the collections of the excise on retail sales of marijuana and payments from a community host and other agreement payments to the Stabilization Account beginning in FY21, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

ARTICLE 22:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$13,580.00 to design a small park on Park Avenue in the downtown area of Monson. This park will be created with the input of the local neighbors to provide a place for people to meet, be outdoors, and for children to play. This project will convert an abandon area with brush and trash into a park. The money shall be transferred from the FY '19 Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 23:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of up to \$54,893.00 to create a playground at the Granite Valley Middle School. There is currently no playground at the school and in consideration of the proposed school reorganization, this playground will be created with play structures designed for younger students. The money shall be transferred from the FY '19 Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 24:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the preservation of the Silver Street Chapel. This money will be expended to determine the original color of the chapel and to repaint it in its original color. The Silver Street Chapel is recognized as a historic building within the town due to its unique construction and use as a community center through the centuries. The money shall be transferred from the FY '19 Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 25:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be transferred to the Conservation Fund of the Monson Conservation Commission for use in protecting public open space. This money will be used for costs associated with the permanent protection of various parcels throughout the town. The money shall be transferred from the FY '19 Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 26:

The Town voted unanimously to approve the sum of \$20,680 for the historic restoration of the stained-glass windows on the first floor of the Monson-Glendale Methodist Church. The church is the northern most anchor of the downtown Monson Historic district. The stained-glass windows are not religious in character. The windows are in an advanced stage of deterioration as the lead has oxidized and separated from the glass, causing the windows to be in danger of collapse. The money shall be transferred from the FY '19 Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

I hereby certify that the Annual Town Meeting held at the Granite Valley Middle School on May 13, 2019 was in compliance with the bylaws and that the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:21 p.m., and upon completion of the articles the meeting was dissolved at 8:51 p.m. Moderator Peter Matrow reappointed the following individuals to the Finance Committee: James Pennington, Laura Rogers and Thomas Tracey for a three year term to expire May 2022.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Mary F. Watson
Monson Town Clerk

